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**Illustrated by Owain Bell**

This book has been printed with a nontoxic ink that glows in the dark. When you see the symbol, turn off the lights and see what glows. Then turn the lights back on and continue reading.

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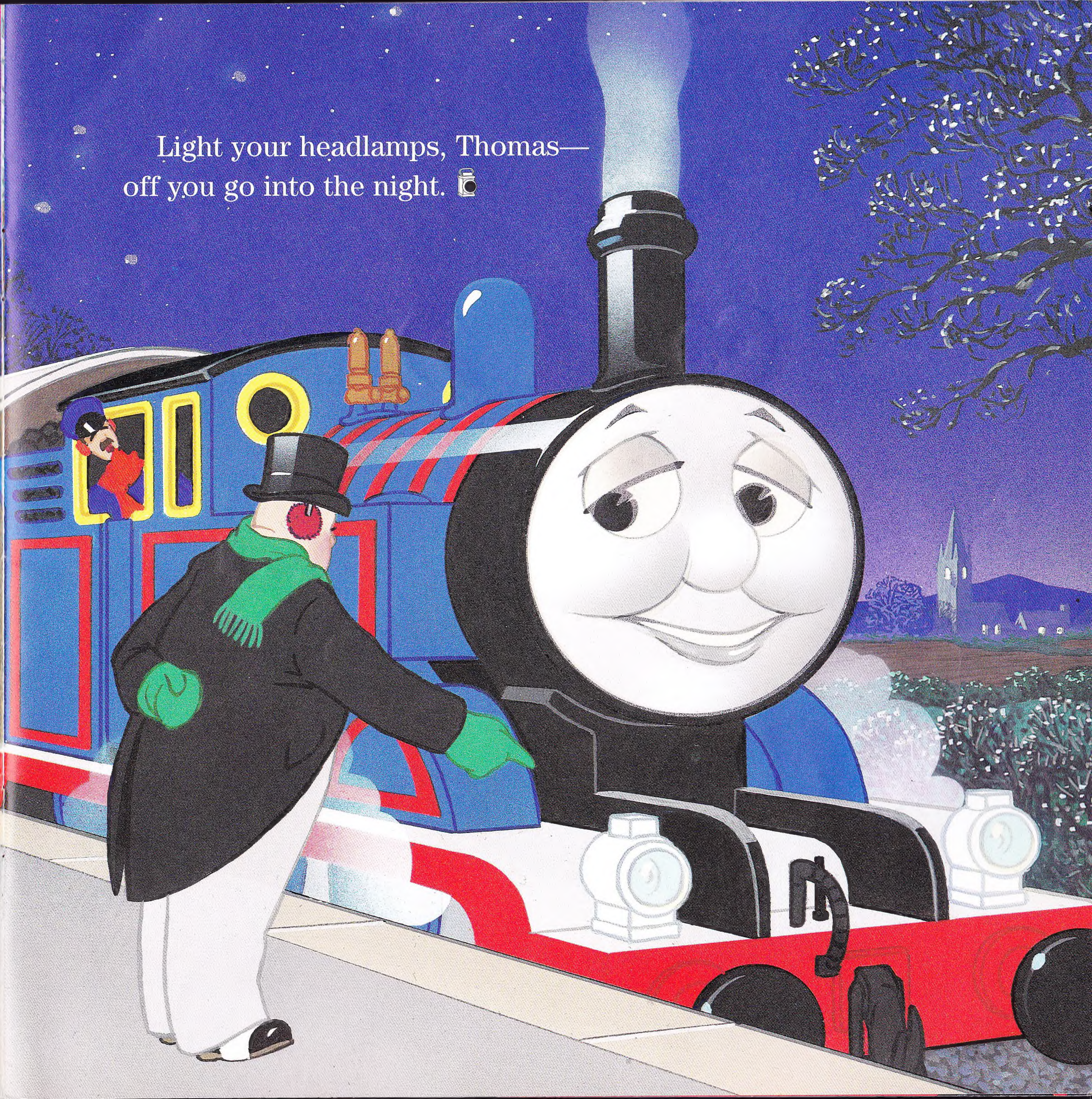
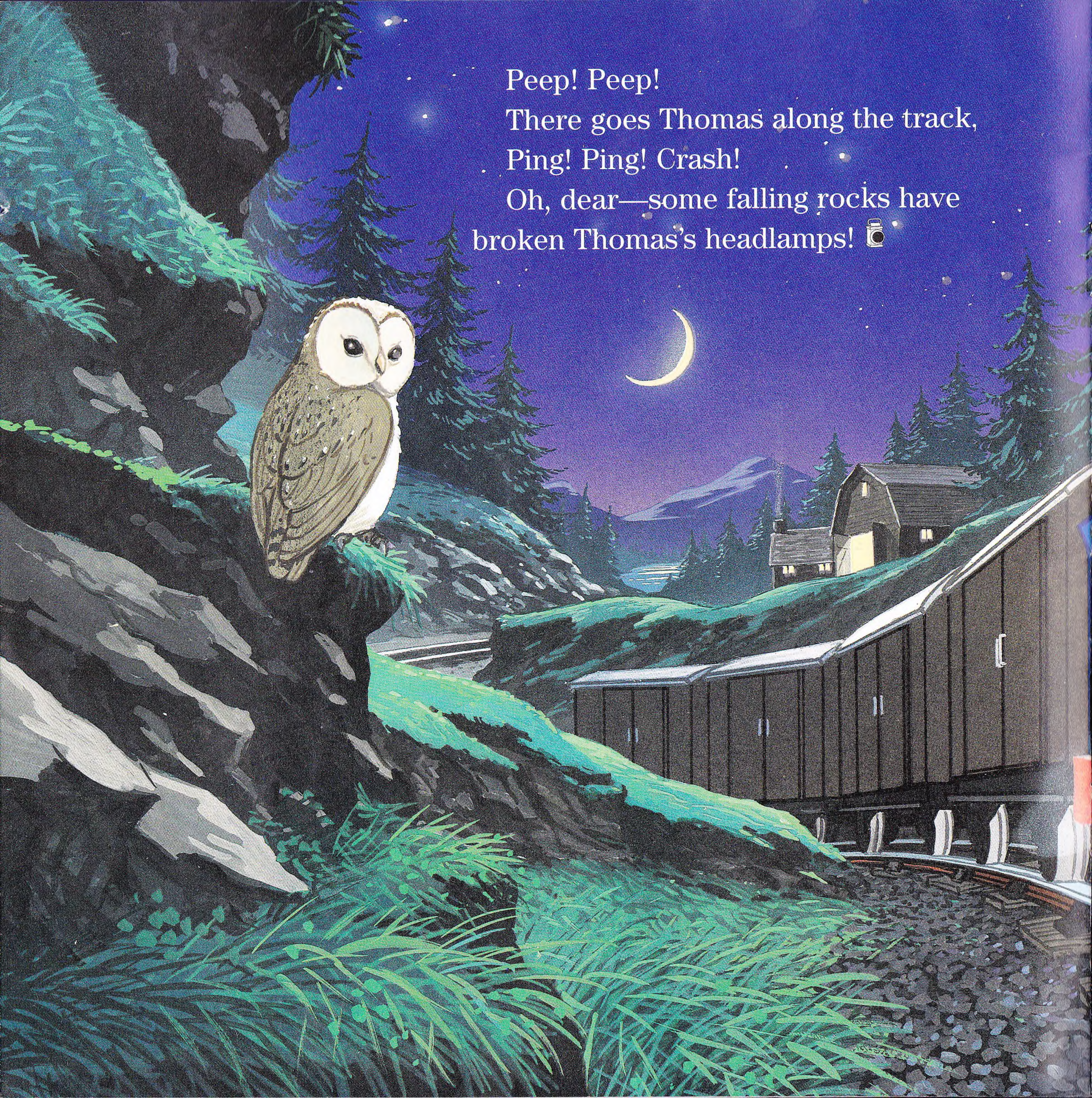
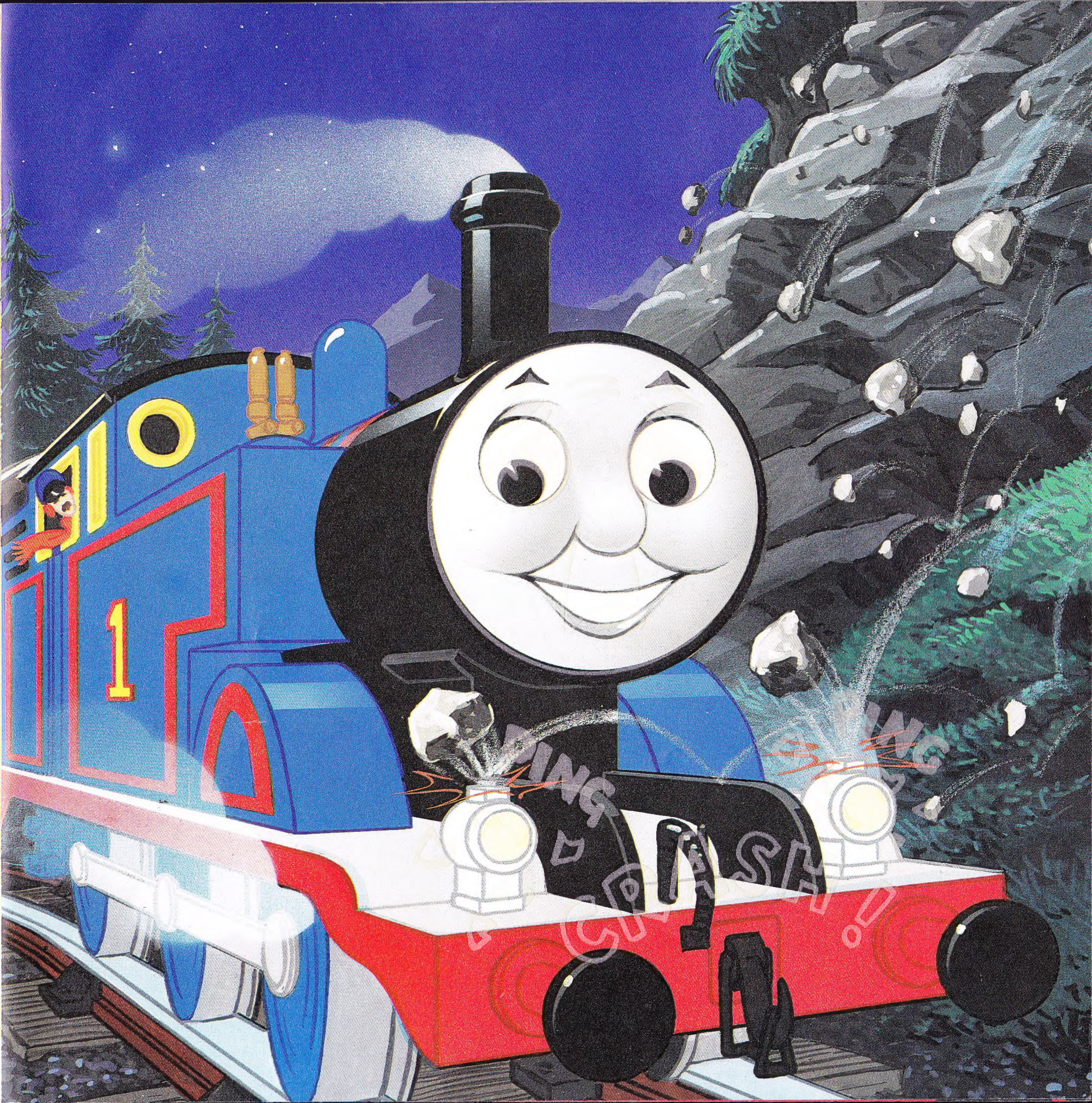
Thomas is taking four carloads of toys to the children's hospital in the next town. He's making a midnight run so the toys will be there by tomorrow morning.

Light your headlamps, Thomas—
off you go into the night.





Peep! Peep!
There goes Thomas along the track,
Ping! Ping! Crash!
Oh, dear—some falling rocks have broken Thomas's headlamps!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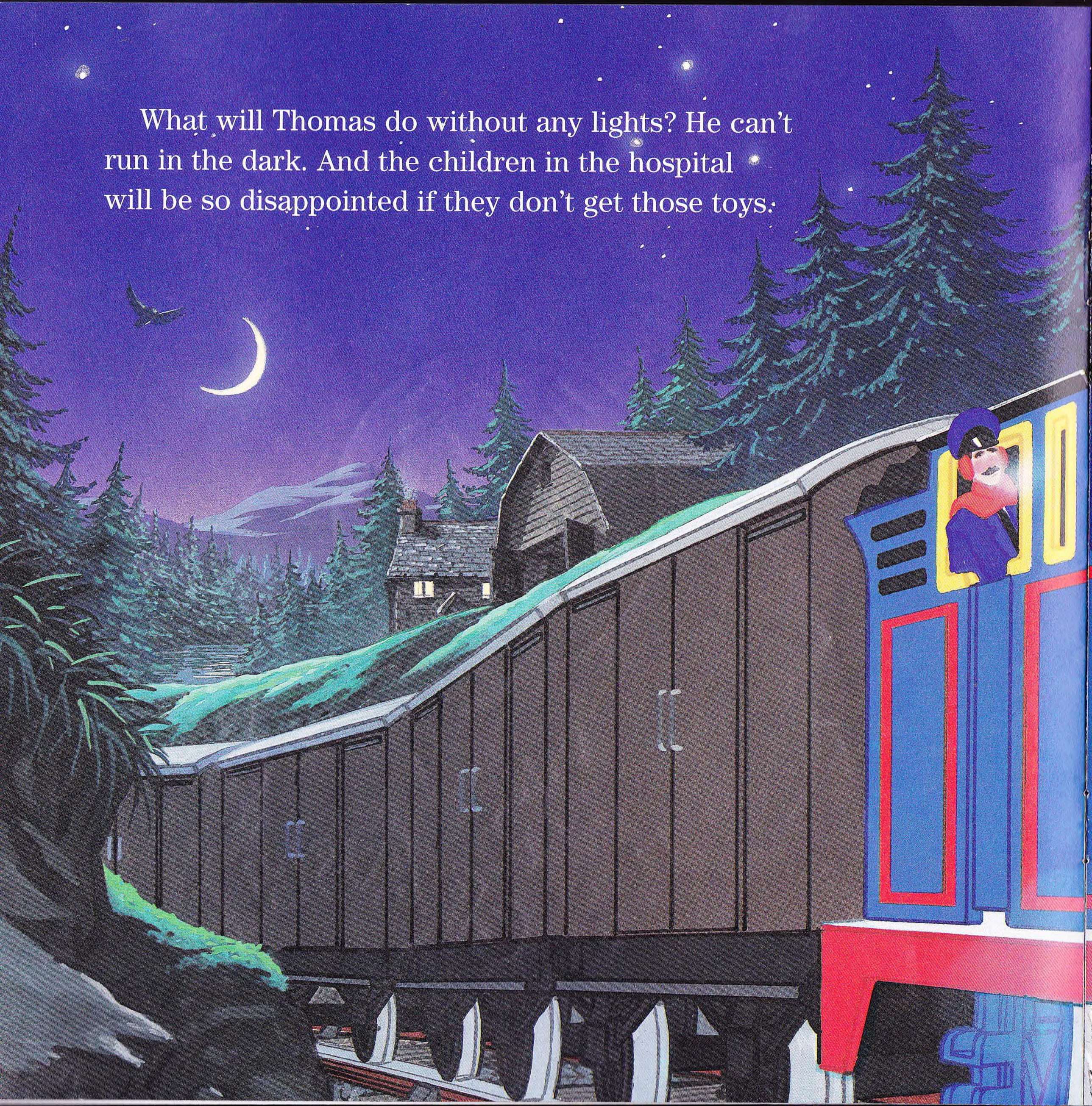
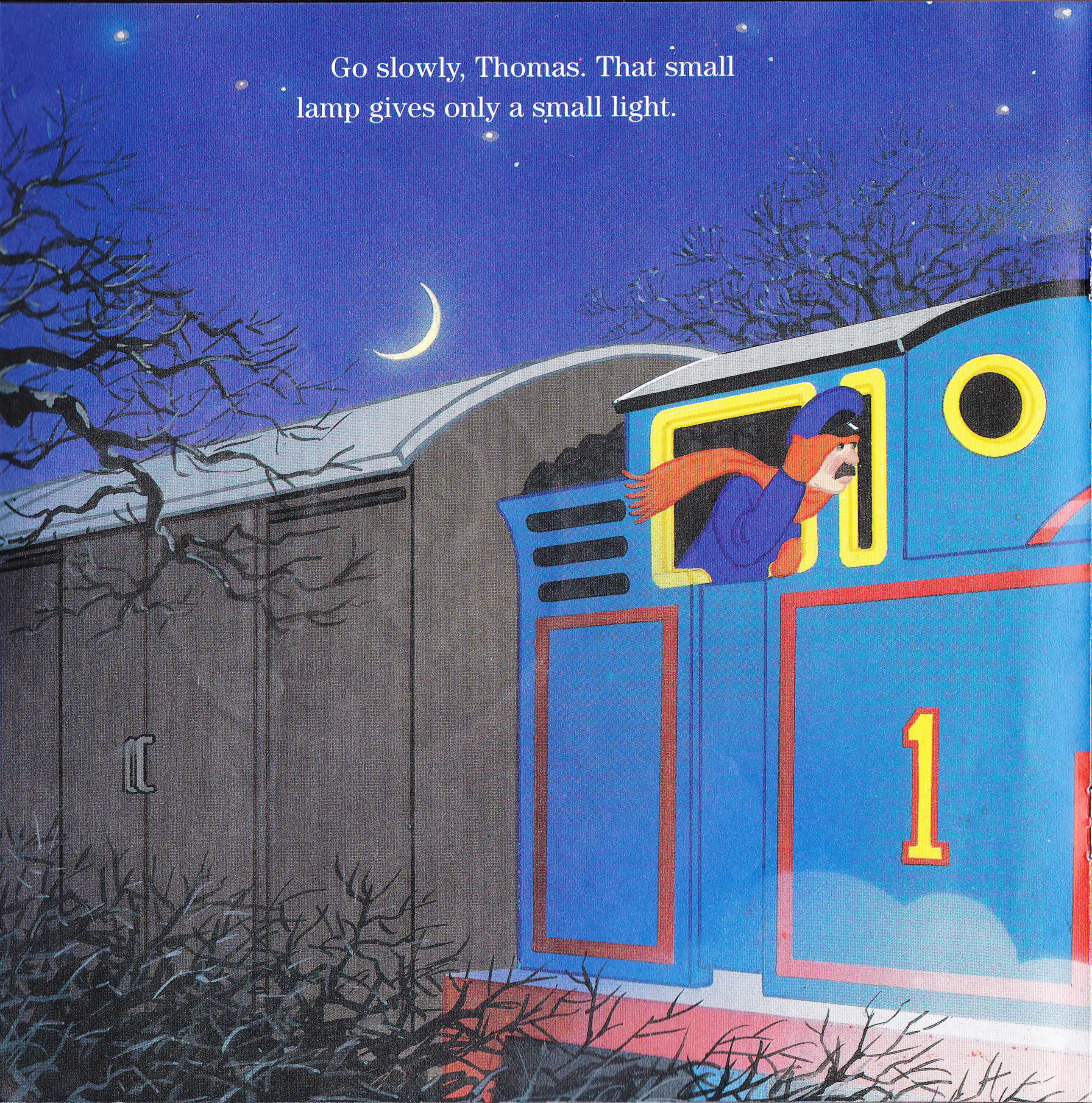
What will Thomas do without any lights? He can't run in the dark. And the children in the hospital will be so disappointed if they don't get those toys.

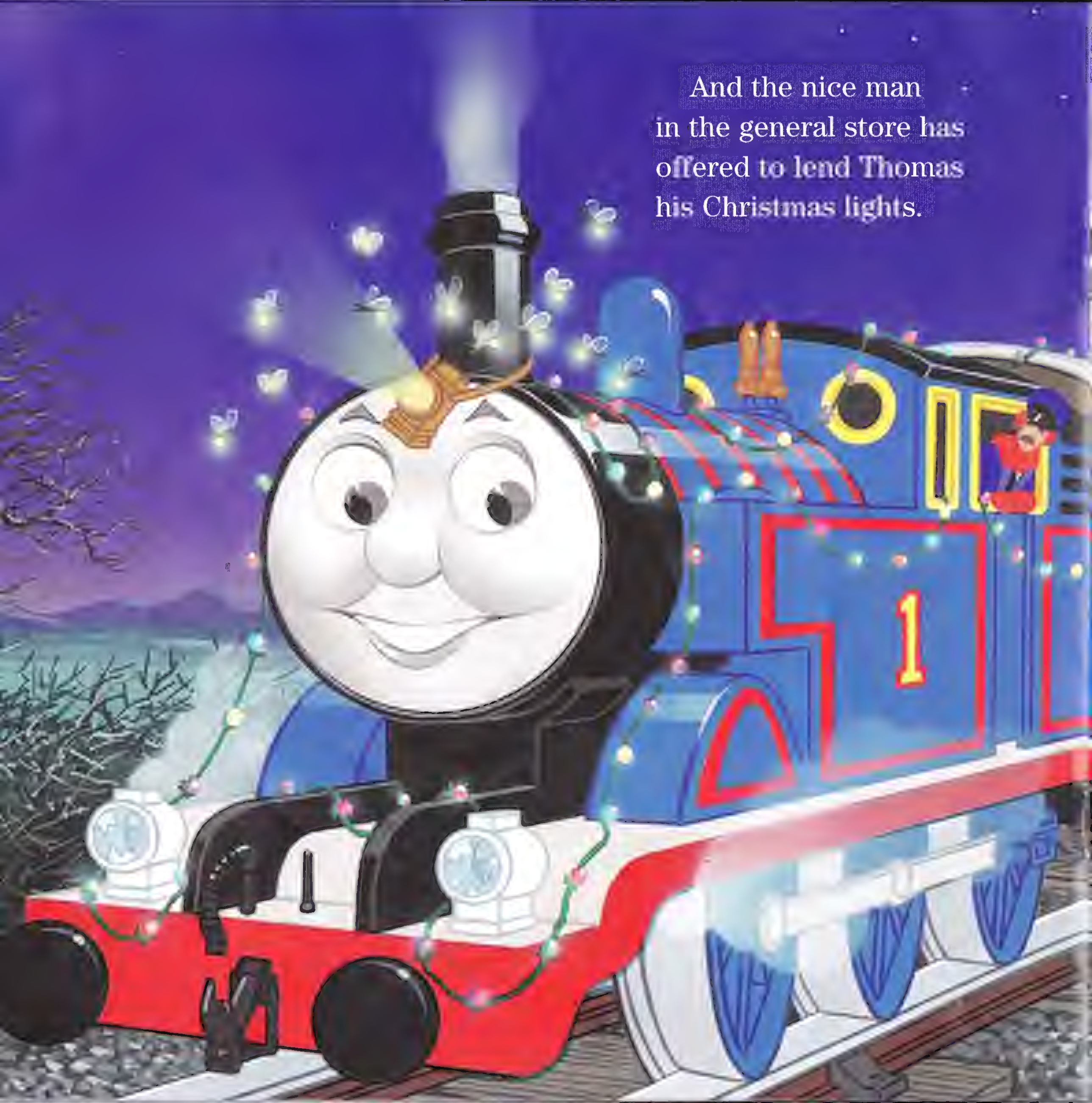


But look! A farmer is lending
Thomas the lamp from his barn.
That's better, isn't it!

Go slowly, Thomas. That small lamp gives only a small light.



Luckily, some more friends
have arrived to help.
That's even better!


And the nice man
in the general store has
offered to lend Thomas
his Christmas lights.
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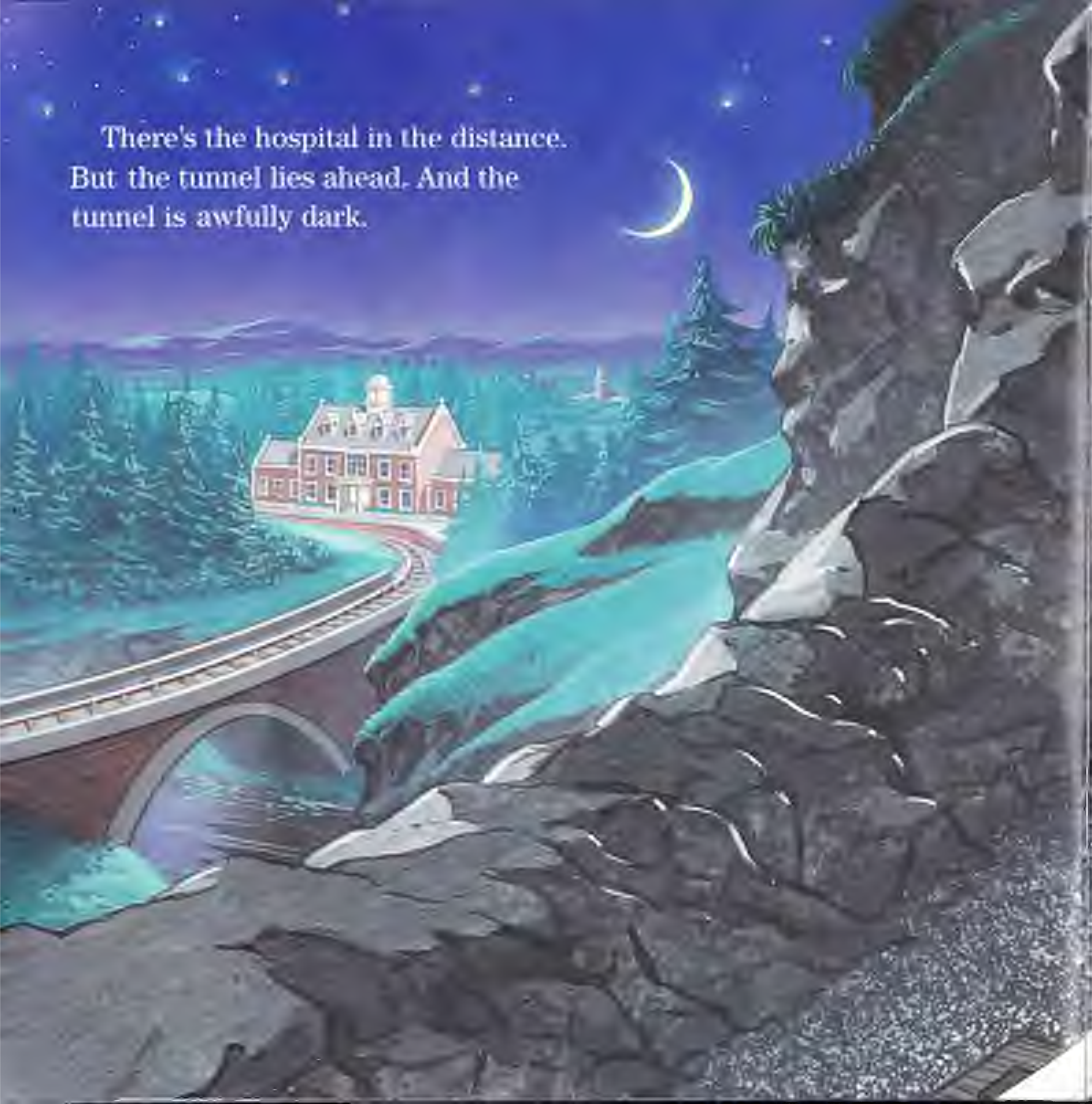
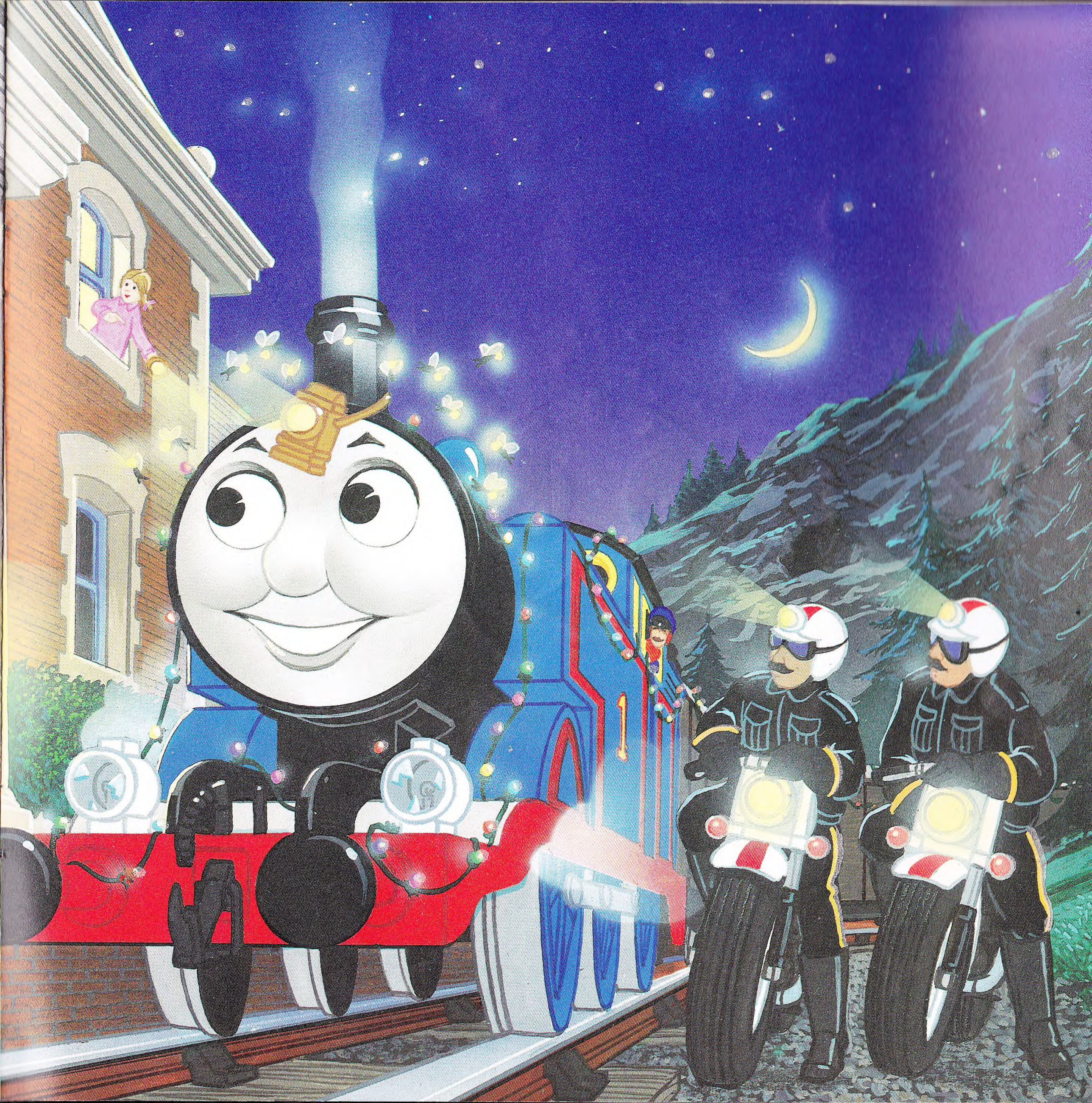
There you go, Thomas!
Don't you look cheery!

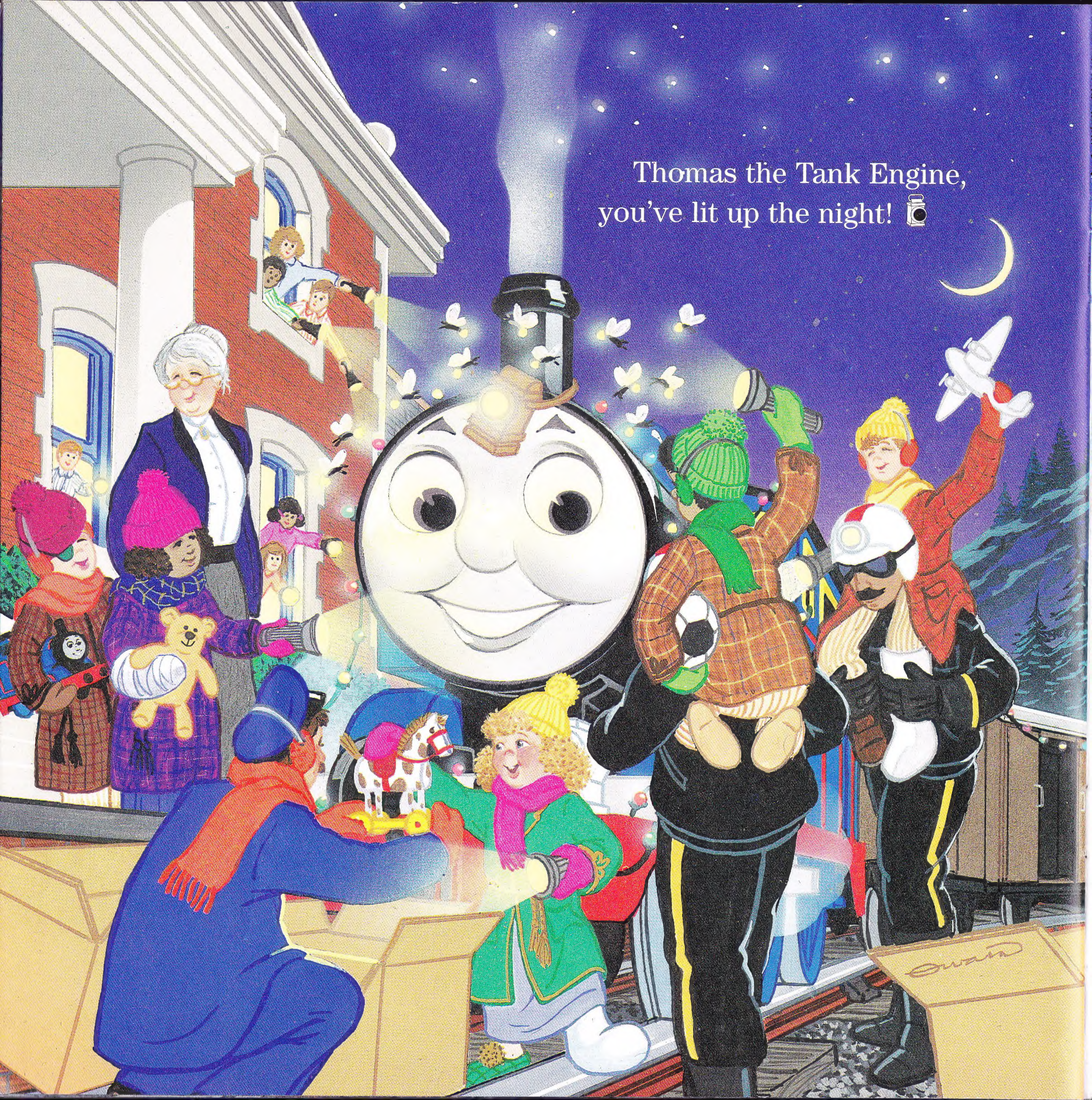
There's the hospital in the distance. But the tunnel lies ahead. And the tunnel is awfully dark.

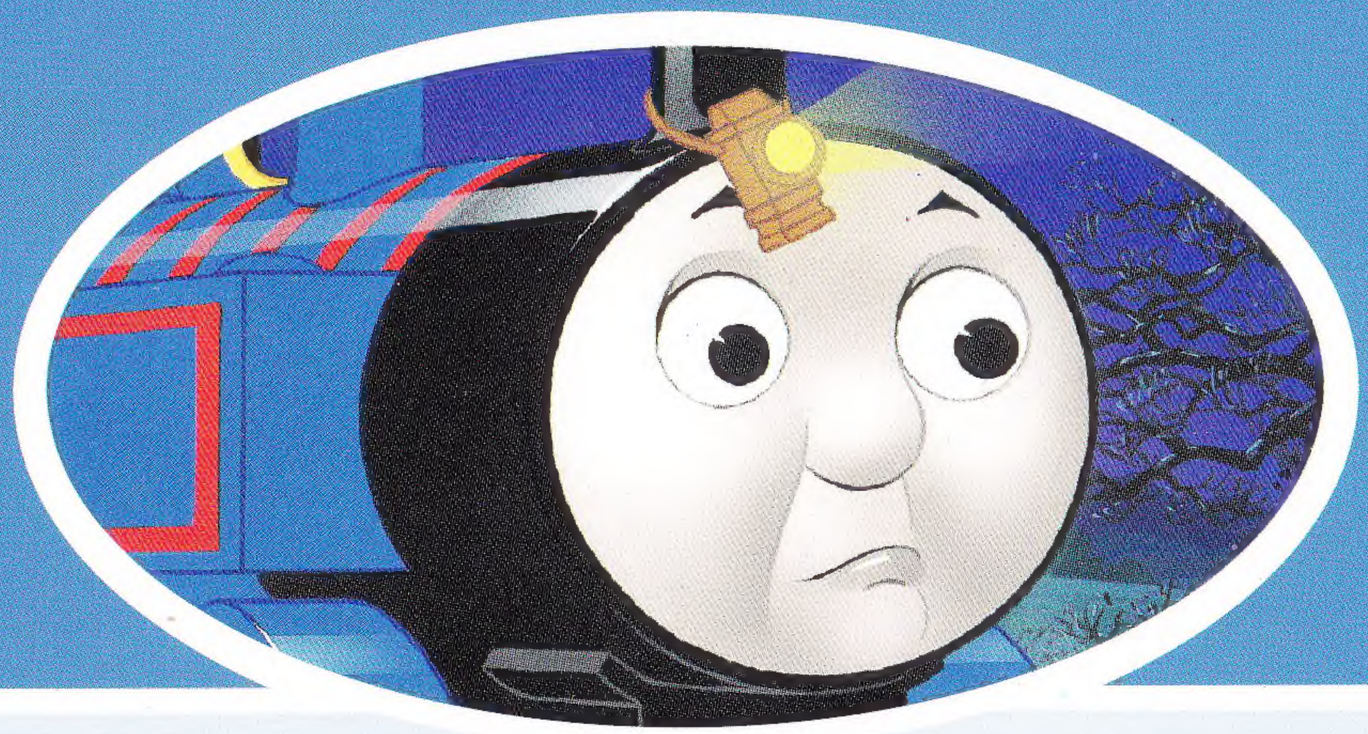


Look—Thomas has
a special escort!

Hurray for Thomas! He made it
to the children's hospital.




Thomas the Tank Engine,
you've lit up the night!



Thomas the Tank Engine must make a midnight run to take toys to the children's hospital. What happens when his headlamps break? Turn out the lights and find out for yourself!

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